

# **Working Across the Social-Ecological Model**

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# SNAP-ED EVALUATION FRAMEWORK

## Nutrition, Physical Activity, and Obesity Prevention Indicators



# Partnerships



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What is the value of partnerships in SNAP-Ed?

# FNS Nutrition Assistance Programs

## Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

Child Nutrition

Food  
Distribution  
Programs

WIC

School  
Breakfast  
Program

Fresh Fruit  
and  
Vegetable  
Program

Special Milk  
Program

Summer Food  
Service  
Program

Child and  
Adult Care  
Food Program

National  
School Lunch  
Program

Team  
Nutrition

Farm2School

Commodity  
Supplemental  
Food Program

Food  
Distribution  
Program on  
Indian  
Reservations

The  
Emergency  
Food  
Assistance  
Program

Farmers'  
Market  
Nutrition  
Program  
(FMNP)

Senior  
Farmers'  
Market  
Nutrition  
Program  
(SFMNP)



# Partnerships

## State-Level

- State Nutrition Action Committee
- State SNAP-Ed Advisory Committee
- Food Policy Council

## Community-Level

- Community Nutrition Action Plan
- Food Policy Council
- Let's Move: Cities and Towns
- Community Benefits

## Organizational-Level

- Local School Wellness Policies

# Multi-Sector Collaboration, Defined

... “linking or sharing of information, resources, activities, and capabilities by organizations in two or more sectors to **achieve jointly an outcome that could not be achieved by organizations in one sector separately**”

(Bryson et al., 2007)

	Your Agency	Partner 1	Partner 2	Partner 3
Laws and regulation	POPULATION REACH			
Change organizational practices and policies				
Build state and local coalitions and networks				
Train and provide technical assistance to state and local agencies				
Investigate community risks and barriers to nutrition				
Market healthy behaviors community-wide				
Inform and empower individuals and families				

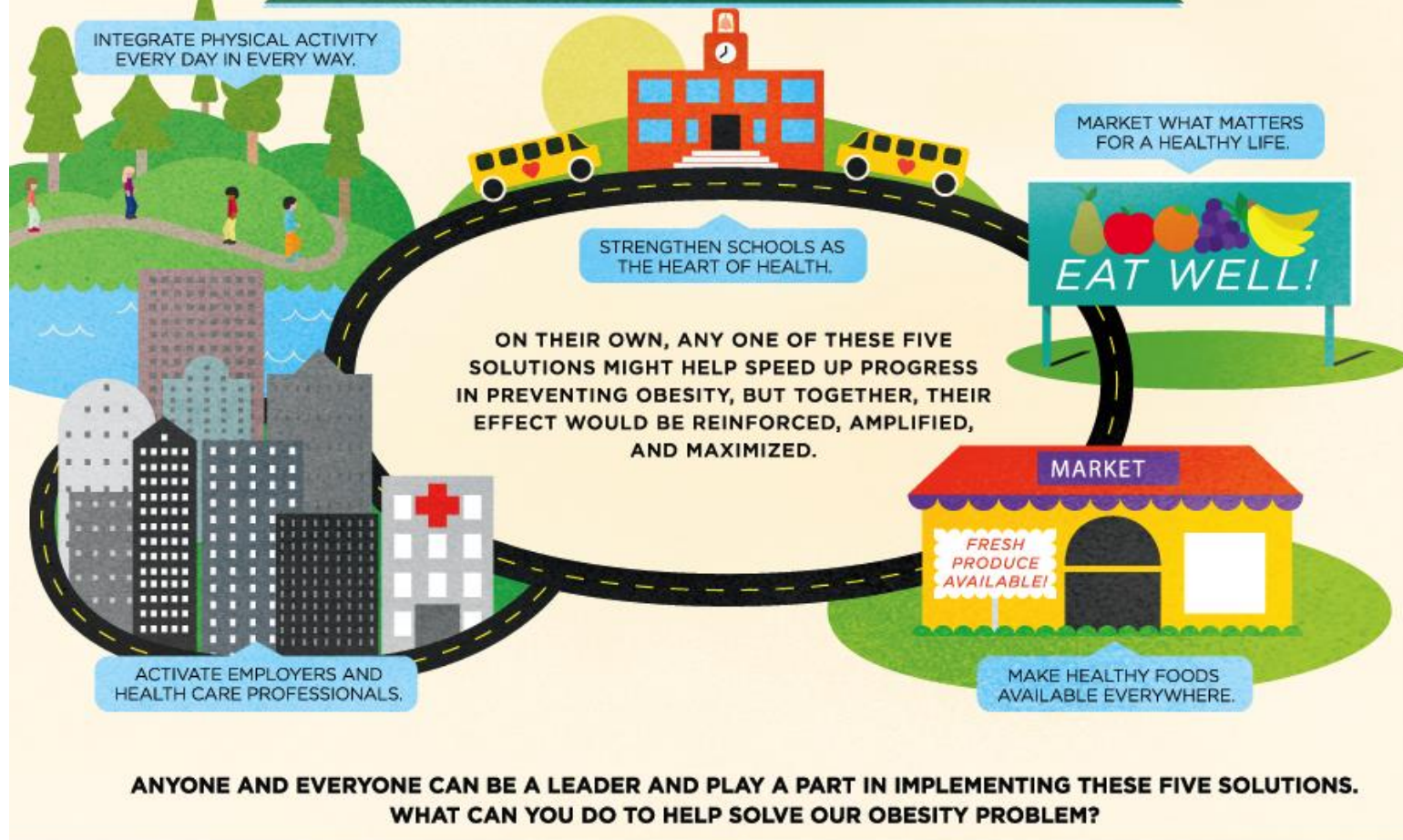




	School	Local Hospital	Food Bank	City Parks
Laws and regulation	Smart snacks	Community health worker – billable service	City policy for mobile distribution van	Free daily physical activity
Change organizational practices and policies	Joint use policy with parks and rec	Electronic prompts for BMI and food insecurity screening	Healthy donations policy	Joint use policy with schools
Build state and local coalitions and networks	Member of Local Food Security Taskforce	Member of Local Food Security Taskforce	Member of Local Food Security Taskforce	Safe Routes to School National Network
Train and provide technical assistance to state and local agencies	How to improve nutrition standards in after school programs	Provider training on BMI screening and referrals to nutrition education	Training on weekend backpack program in schools	Safe Routes to School trainings
Investigate community risks and barriers to nutrition	CDC's School Health Index	Community health needs assessments	Health pantry assessment	Health impact assessment
Market healthy behaviors community-wide	School-based marketing campaign	Direct mail campaign	Texting/SMS campaign for SNAP	Safe Routes to School Promotion
Inform and empower individuals and families	Nutrition classes with parent night	Diabetes prevention class	6 week adult series	Pedestrian safety videos

# Policy, Systems, and Environmental Changes

## 5 SOLUTIONS FOR CHANGING OUR COMMUNITIES



## Comprehensive Approaches: Obesity Prevention

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# Public health approaches

- Broader reach of the target population without individual blame or stigma.
- The environment in which we eat, live, work, learn, shop, play, affects our behaviors & choices.
- Our behaviors and choices (based on the opportunities we have) affect our health.
- Venues and neighborhoods that have access to healthy foods & safe streets mean that people can make healthy choices that result in better health outcomes.
- Venues and neighborhoods lacking this access mean that people cannot make healthy choices.

# Definition of Policy, Systems, and Environmental Changes

- **Programs:** Activities targeted to individuals or groups to change knowledge or behaviors, typically has a beginning and an end.
- **Policy:** A written statement of an organizational position, decision, or course of action.
- **Systems:** unwritten, ongoing, organization decisions or changes that result in new activities reaching large proportions of people the organization serves.
- **Environmental Change:** Includes the built or physical environments which are visual/observable, but may include economic, social, normative or message environments.

# The ABCDs of PSEs

- **A**ssessments of need and organizational readiness
- **B**uy-in from key decision-makers, leaders, champions, and partners
- **C**hanges take effect and are evaluated for effectiveness, mid-course changes occur
- **D**isparities based on race/ethnicity, income, geography, etc. reduced
- **S**ustainability to endure new leadership and resource availability

# Policy Change

- **Policies** include laws, rules, regulations, ordinances, and procedures designed to guide behavior.
  - ***Examples:***
    - Local ordinance allowing residents to plant community gardens in vacant lots
    - School policy allowing use of facilities for recreation during non-school hours.

# Environmental Change

- **Environmental interventions** include changes to the physical, social, or economic environments.
  - **Physical:** Opening a farm stand at a local welfare office, or posting signage at vending machines identifying healthy foods.
  - **Social:** Changing attitudes among teachers about disallowing candy in the classroom, or improving parenting practices and social supports to limit their children's time watching television or playing video games.
  - **Economic:** Offering financial incentives to consumers who purchase fresh fruits and vegetables. (**NOTE: SNAP funds cannot pay for financial incentives**)





Product  
Placement

Business Plan

Marketing  
Cling

Fruit and  
vegetable  
access

Pricing

Promotional  
Materials








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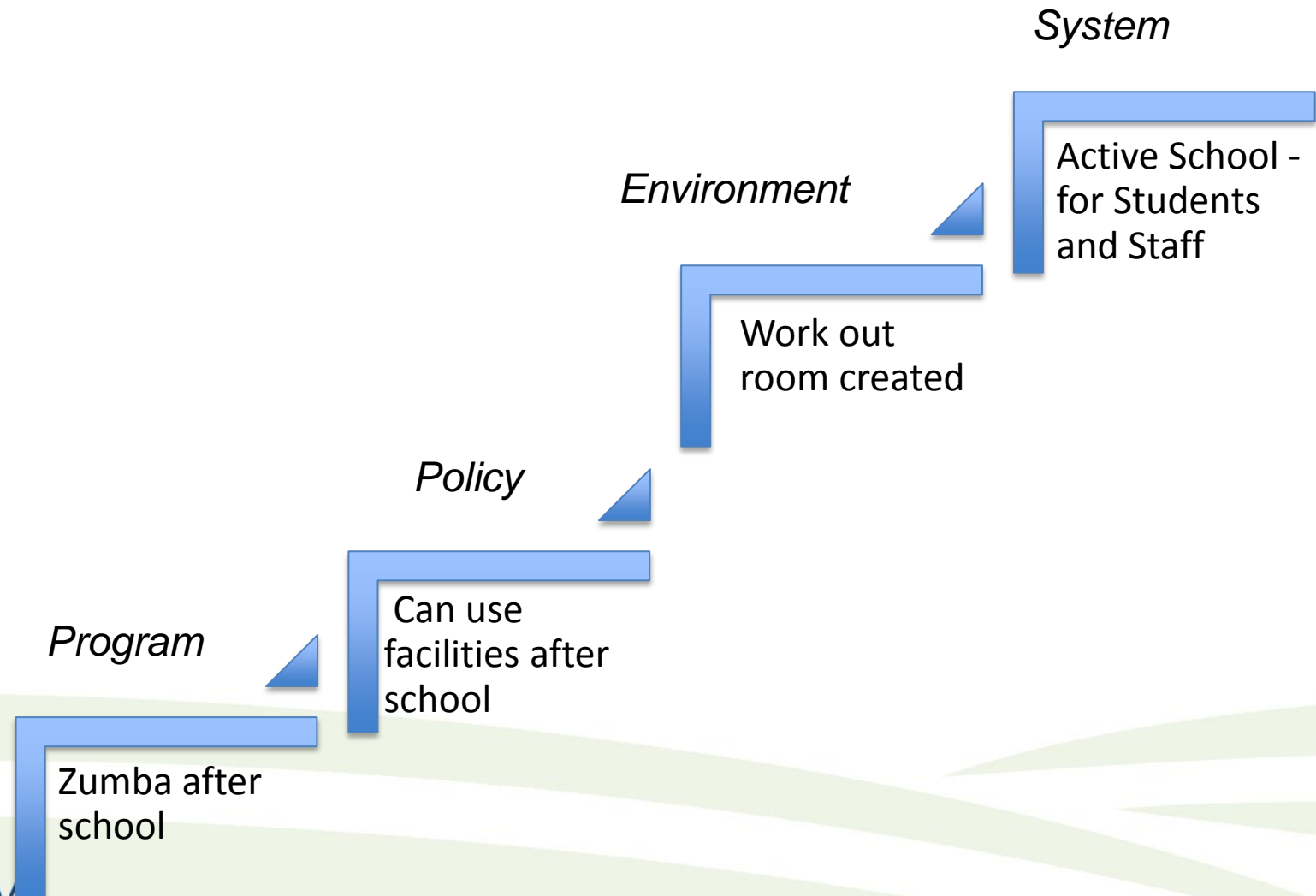
# Systems Change

- **Systems changes** include changes to the way an organization conducts business. These changes impact:
  - all aspects of an organization or institution and
  - endure time, leadership changes, etc.
- **Types of systems:**
  - Welfare offices, schools, parks and recreation, transportation, food distribution

# Moving from Programs to PSEs: Physical Activity (PA)

Program		Policy or Environmental Change
Host a Family PA/Fitness Night		Make school facilities available to families <b>for</b> regular physical activity
Provide a PA lesson		Adopt a PA policy that calls for 30 mins. of PA a day
Provide health screenings		Establish a school sponsored staff wellness team
Celebrate National Sport and PE Month		Provide PA opportunities every day over morning announcements
Participate in a walking program		Create a safe routes to school or walking school bus program

# Putting the Pieces Together



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